

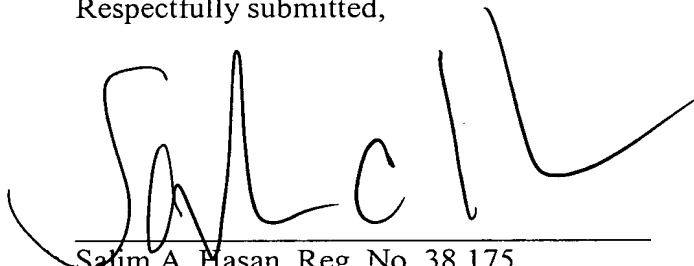
In re Appln. of Zimmermann et al.
Application No. Unassigned (U.S. National Phase of PCT/EP03/06993)

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert the priority information and to delete the references to the claims. In addition, the claims have been amended to place the claims in a format more suitable to U.S. patent practice. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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